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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN PRESS COMMENT ON THE WESTERN SAHARA
AND U.S. ARMS SALES TO MOROCCO

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1. BELIEVE YOU SHOULD RESPOND TO ANY OFFICIAL INQUIRIES
RESULTING FROM SUBJECT EDITORIAL BY STATING THAT QUESTION
OF U.S. ARMS SALES TO MOROCCO IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION
WITHIN THE USG. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON SALE OF
EQUIPMENT OF THE TYPE MENTIONED IN THE DAILY NEWS EDITORIAL.
THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOT RPT NOT CURRENTLY CANVASSING
CONGRESS ON SUCH SALES. WE FULLY SUPPORT OAU EFFORTS TO

RESOLVE PEACEFULLY THE WESTERN SAHARA PROBLEM, AND WE DO NOT WISH TO SEE U.S.-SUPPLIED ARMS USED IN THE FIGHTING IN THAT TERRITORY.

2. FYI. WE DECIDED AFTER CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS EARLY THIS YEAR NOT RPT NOT TO PROCEED WITH SALES OF WEAPONS FOR USE IN THE SAHARA, AND WE HAVE TOLD THE MOROCCANS THEIR USE OF F-5 AIRCRAFT IN THE SAHARA IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE U.S.-MOROCCAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. WE CURRENTLY ARE AWAITING THEIR RESPONSE TO THIS AND SUBSEQUENT DEMARCHES BEFORE RESPONDING TO A REQUEST FOR SALE OF COBRAS, WHICH WOULD NOT BE FOR USE IN THE SAHARA. CHRISTOPHER

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